

DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment filed on April 7, 2009 has been entered. Claims 1-31 are pending.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given by applicant on June 29, 2009. The applicant has agreed and authorized examiner to incorporate the entire language of claims 2, 7, 12, 17, 22, and 27 into independent claims 1, 11, and 21 respectively, and to cancel claims 2, 7, 12, 17, 22, and 27. Since claims 3-5 are depended on claim 2; claim 8 is depended on claim 7; claims 13-15 are depended on claim 12; claim 18 is depended on claim 17; claims 23-25 are depended on claim 22; and claim 28 is depended on claim 27, these above claims will be amended to reflect their new dependency.

CLAIMS:

3. Please cancel claims 2, 7, 12, 17, 22, and 27.
4. Please replace claim 1 as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently amended) A method for secure access and communication of information in a distributed media network, the method comprising:

detecting, at a first geographic location, when a legacy media peripheral is connected to one or both of a PC and a media processing system at said first geographic location within the distributed media network;

associating at least one identifier with said legacy media peripheral, wherein said at least one identifier is used to validate said legacy media peripheral for use at said first geographic location;

utilizing said at least one identifier to facilitate communication by and/or to said legacy media peripheral over the distributed media network;

requesting said at least one legacy media peripheral identifier and at least one identifier of a user utilizing said legacy media peripheral; and

wherein if said legacy media peripheral is previously registered at said first geographic location within said network, acquiring said at least one user identifier to facilitate communication by and/or to said legacy media peripheral over the distributed media network.

5. Please replace claim 3 as follows:

Claim 3. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said at least one legacy media peripheral identifier is a serial number of said legacy media peripheral.

6. Please replace claim 4 as follows:

Claim 4. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said at least one user identifier is one or both of a user password and/or a user name.

7. Please replace claim 5 as follows:

Claim 5. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, comprising determining said first geographic location of said legacy media peripheral and said user utilizing said legacy media peripheral.

8. Please replace claim 8 as follows:

Claim 8. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 1, comprising validating said acquired at least one user identifier for said legacy media peripheral prior to said facilitation of communication by and/or to said legacy media peripheral over the distributed media network.

9. Please replace claim 11 as follows:

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A machine-readable storage having stored thereon, a computer program having at least one code section for secure access and communication of information in a distributed media network, the at least one code section being executable by a machine for causing the machine to perform steps comprising:

detecting, at a first geographic location, when a legacy media peripheral is connected to one or both of a PC and a media processing system at said first geographic location within the distributed media network;

associating at least one identifier with said legacy media peripheral, wherein said at least one identifier is used to validate said legacy media peripheral for use at said first geographic location;

utilizing said at least one identifier to facilitate communication by and/or to said legacy media peripheral over the distributed media network;

wherein said at least one code section comprises code for requesting said at least one legacy media peripheral identifier and at least one identifier of a user utilizing said legacy media peripheral; and

wherein said at least one code section comprises code for acquiring said at least one user identifier to facilitate communication by and/or to said legacy media peripheral over the distributed media network, if said legacy media peripheral is previously registered at said first geographic location within said network.

10. Please replace claim 13 as follows:

Claim 13. (Currently amended) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, wherein said at least one legacy media peripheral identifier is a serial number of said legacy media peripheral.

11. Please replace claim 14 as follows:

Claim 14. (Currently amended) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, wherein said at least one user identifier is one or both of a user password and/or a user name.

12. Please replace claim 15 as follows:

Claim 15. (Currently amended) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, wherein said at least one code section comprises code for determining said first geographic location of said legacy media peripheral and said user utilizing said legacy media peripheral.

Claim 18. (Currently amended) The machine-readable storage according to claim 11, wherein said at least one code section comprises code for validating said acquired at least one user identifier for said legacy media peripheral prior to said facilitation of communication by and/or to said legacy media peripheral over the distributed media network.

13. Please replace claim 21 as follows:

Claim 21. (Currently amended) A system for secure access and communication of information in a distributed media network, the system comprising:

at least one processor operable to detect that detects, at a first geographic location, when a legacy media peripheral is connected to one or both of a PC and a media processing system at said first geographic location within the distributed media network;

said at least one processor is operable to associate associates at least one identifier with said legacy media peripheral, wherein said at least one identifier is used to validate said legacy media peripheral for use at said first geographic location;

said at least one processor is operable to utilize utilizes said at least one identifier to facilitate communication by and/or to said legacy media peripheral over the distributed media network;

wherein said at least one processor is operable to request said at least one legacy media peripheral identifier and at least one identifier of a user utilizing said legacy media peripheral; and

wherein said at least one processor is operable to acquire said at least one user identifier to facilitate communication by and/or to said legacy media peripheral over the distributed media network, if said legacy media peripheral is previously registered at said first geographic location within said network.

14. Please replace claim 23 as follows:

Claim 23. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one legacy media peripheral identifier is a serial number of said legacy media peripheral.

15. Please replace claim 24 as follows:

Claim 24. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one user identifier is one or both of a user password and/or a user name.

16. Please replace claim 28 as follows:

Claim 28. (Currently amended) The system according to claim 21, wherein said at least one processor is operable to validate said acquired at least one user identifier for said legacy media peripheral prior to said facilitation of communication by and/or to said legacy media peripheral over the distributed media network.

Allowable Subject Matter

17. Claims 1, 3-6, 8-11, 13-16, 18-21, 23-26, and 28-31 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Please see interview summary and the application's record.

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Conclusion

18. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thanhnga (Tanya) Truong whose telephone number is 571-272-3858.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Taghi Arani can be reached on 571-272-3787. The central fax number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-2100.

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